

IN THE CLAIMS:

Prior to calculating the filing fee for the above-identified application, please amend the claims as follows.

Please cancel claims 1-17.

Please add the following new claims.

18. (New) A multicomponent clostridial vaccine composition comprising: (i) immunogens from two or more species or serotypes of *Clostridium*; (ii) an antigen derived from a respiratory virus; and (iii) a saponin adjuvant.

19. (New) The vaccine composition of claim 18, comprising immunogens from six or more species or serotypes of *Clostridium*.

REMARKS

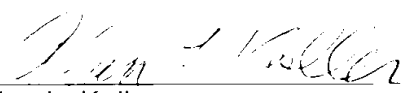
Claims 18 and 19 are pending in the application.

New claim 18 is directed to a multicomponent clostridial vaccine composition comprising: (i) immunogens from two or more species or serotypes of *Clostridium*; (ii) an antigen derived from a respiratory virus; and (iii) a saponin adjuvant. This claim is supported in the specification on page 5, on lines 13-14. Applicants submit that nothing in the art made of record in the parent application would have taught or suggested to the person of ordinary skill in the art a vaccine comprising (i) immunogens from two or more species or serotypes of *Clostridium*; (ii) an antigen derived from a respiratory virus; and (iii) a saponin adjuvant.

New claim 19 is directed to the vaccine of claim 18, but comprising immunogens from six or more species or serotypes of *Clostridium*. Applicants again submit that nothing in the art would have taught or suggested such a vaccine.

Respectfully submitted,

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